

FOGGY BOTTOM NEWS

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Louis Brownlow

FOGGY BOTTOM -- ITS PAST AND ITS FUTURE

After casting about for a speaker qualified to explain the role of the citizens' association in its relationship with the Government of the District of Columbia, we believe we have found the ideal person in Louis Brownlow.

As a member of the Board of Commissioners of the District under Woodrow Wilson, and president of the Board during World War I, Mr. Brownlow was active in developing representation of the people, through citizens' associations, in the voteless D. C. government. He has consented to address members of the Foggy Bottom Restoration Association at this month's meeting and has chosen as his topic, Foggy Bottom -- Its Past and Its Future.

The meeting will be held on Monday, February 26, at the usual time and place: 8:30 p.m. in Pillsbury Hall, 2430 K St., N. W.

As a newspaper reporter in Washington and as a foreign correspondent from 1904 to 1915 and as a public administrator and specialist in public administration since that time, Louis Brownlow was a friend and advisor of most U. S. Presidents from Teddy Roosevelt to Harry Truman. He was chairman of the President's Committee on Administrative Management in 1936 and 1937, and in that capacity was the leading spirit in the first comprehensive re-organization of the National Government since the adoption of the Constitution. The document turned out by the Committee is usually referred to as "The Brownlow Report."

Louis Brownlow has lived in Washington a fair portion of the 80-odd years of his life and has made his home here since his retirement in 1946 from the Public Administration Clearing House on the campus of the University of Chicago. During these years of his so-called retirement he has been far from idle. He conducts an average of half a dozen lecture courses and seminars in public administration annually in leading American Universities. In addition, he has written three fat volumes: The Presidency and the President, A Passion for Politics, and A Passion for Anonymity, the two latter works being his memoirs. Famed as a story-teller, he is also author of The Anatomy of the Anecdote, published in 1960.

Have you ever wondered what a citizens' organization is good for? Here is the man to tell you. And would you enjoy hearing something about our interesting neighborhood from one who knew it "way back when"? Come to hear Louis Brownlow on Monday, the 26th. You will be richly rewarded.

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